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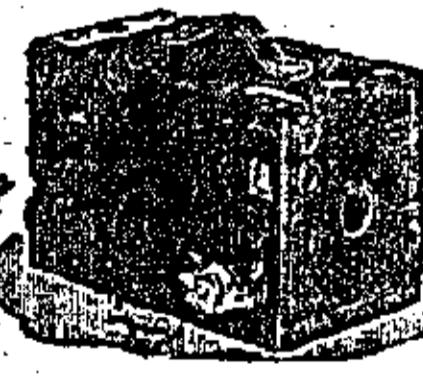
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DEATH.
On 22nd September, at Swatow, China.
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[2243]
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HONGKONG OFFICE: 104, DES VŒUX ROAD, CH.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1905.

The trade of Swatow for the year 1904, according to Mr. Acting-Consul WILLIS, "has proceeded along its normal channels with results that cannot be considered otherwise than satisfactory." This comment appears most modest and conservative, when read in conjunction with the statement that the gross value of the year's trade, whether expressed in taels or sterling, was "the highest on record since the opening of the port;" that is to say, the highest recorded in forty-six or forty-seven years. It amounted to £1,50,850,864, or £7,211,713 at the average rate of exchange for that year. Notwithstanding natural disadvantages, such as its exposure to typhoons, and its indifferent harbourage and shipping facilities, Swatow is rapidly increasing its importance as a trade port. This is sufficiently shown in a table given by the Acting-Consul, in which it appears that the gross trade in 1896 was worth over twenty-seven million taels, nearly twenty-nine millions next year, nearer thirty-six millions in 1898, forty-five millions from £899 to 1903, and now over the fifty millions. Thus in one decade it has nearly doubled itself. To cope with this, extensive reclamation work has been more necessary even than at Hongkong. The increase was well distributed over imports and exports, although the big business done in re-exports is responsible for the biggest increase. Foreign imports rose from £1,855,928 in 1903 to £2,048,185, and native imports from £2,344,892 to £2,909,826. The local export trade swelled from £1,569,718 to £2,100,436; while re-exports jumped from £33,091 to £153,266. All Swatow transactions are done in Mexican dollars and, as the bulk of the exports go to silver using countries, the rise in exchange cannot be credited with the enhanced returns. It has not affected the price of local products, at any rate, and Mr. Willis

suggests that "the marked development of the export trade is due to more permanent causes." Swatow, of course, directly taps the trade of the important cities, Chaochoufu and Sanhpa, and its history affords a typical illustration of the immense commercial fields that must be still lying fallow in China for lack of adequate communication with the outside world.

Cotton imports to Swatow increased from £270,695 worth in 1903 to £287,403 last year; not a big increase, perhaps, but decidedly satisfactory in view of the fact that the high prices ruling must have checked the demand, and that Shanghai has taken away much of Chaochoufu's indigo-dyeing industry. Indian yarn worth £526,554 was imported, and only £22,494 worth of British. The latter was a drop from £9,254 in 1903; but India had increased much more correspondingly; and here again, in view of the higher prices, the symptoms of a healthy, growing demand afford grounds for satisfaction! Mr. Willis notes that opium imports are generally regarded as an index to the prosperity of a district; and as the prosperity was very much in evidence, he considered it "somewhat curious" that there should be a decline in the value of foreign opium imported. In 1903 were imported 785,478 lbs. worth £575,650; last year it was only 646,555 lbs., worth £475,363. The falling off was in Mulwa; he admits that Patna and Benares showed a "considerable advance" (together 371,040 lbs. in 1903 as against 523,048 lbs. last year); and as the imports of the native drug rose from 75,599 lbs. in 1903 to 199,518 lbs. last year, it is evident that as an index of the prevailing prosperity, the consumption of this luxury shows no inconsistency. It shows, perhaps, that the Chinese Government's alleged restrictions upon the production of the native drug have not been so rigorously made as the missionaries were led to hope. The increased consumption of certain kinds of foreign opium is doubtless explained by the following paragraph from the report: "The manufacture of prepared opium by mixing the foreign with the native drug is a large and flourishing industry in this district, and it would seem that the boiling shops are attempting to dispense with the more expensive Mulwa opium in favour of the cheaper varieties." The number of emigrating coolies has decreased to the normal quantity of about 100,000 annually, due, the Acting-Consul thinks, to the increase of rates consequent on the incorporation of the Rickmers' steamers in the N.D.L. fleet, and the withdrawal of the British India boats. The general prosperity would also account, we imagine, for some reduction. None of these emigrants were for South Africa, by-the-way. The withdrawal of the British India line, and the sale of the Douglas S. S. Company's steamers, accounted for the decrease in British shipping, which still, however, heads the list by a brave margin. We conclude with an interesting extract from the report, which speaks for itself:—

"The concession for the long-mooted railway between this port and Chaochoufu has been, as mentioned in my preceding report, granted to one Chang Yinan, a Chinaman who has for many years been resident in the Dutch Indies. The contract for building the line, which is to be 32 miles in length, with seven intermediate stations, and for the supply of rolling-stock, was given by the concessionaire to a Japanese syndicate. Work on the line commenced in September last, but, owing to the marshy nature of the ground in the vicinity of Swatow, proceeded but slowly, until in January, 1905, it was delayed for some three months by an unfortunate outbreak at Anpo, a market town of considerable size about 10 miles distant from Swatow, in which two Japanese workmen were killed and the property of several Chinese in the employ of the railway company, together with some railway material, destroyed. The matter is now settled and work is resumed, the concessionaire having been required by the Viceroy to provide 200 guards for the railway. The Chaochoufu prefecture, more especially as regards the Kitayang and Lufeng districts, still continues in its state of chronic disorder, and it would appear that the local authorities have not sufficient force at their disposal to maintain order.

In Swatow itself a police force of some 300 men has been recently enrolled, the cost of which is paid by voluntary subscriptions." Dr. Koch's lectures on "First Aid to the Injured" begin on Monday, Oct. 9. Dr. Forsyth's series begins on Friday, Oct. 6. The Rev. F. T. Johnson is the honorary treasurer and will accept the attendance fee (£2) for either or both courses.

Now that the hot weather is departing, drinks with more "body" in them will appeal to folk, and from samples submitted by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., we feel able to recommend the "Bull Dog Brand" cokels and stout bottled by Messrs. Robert Porter & Co. It is a "new line" for the local firm.

A considerable variety of news and information will be found on page 5 to-day, including a later reference to the *Mitsaka* accident, which was crowded out of previous issues. A review of Mr. Ball's new book; and interesting references to the return of the Japanese army and to the gathering of Russia's naval remnants at Vladivostok, are also included.

Again the typhoon has passed, leaving Hongkong unscathed. The only accident recorded happened to a junk, which was caught in a squall off Kellef Island. The strong gusts heeled it over, and before it could right itself it took in such a quantity of water that it sank. The crew were rescued.

Captain Schipper, master of the a.s. *Daphne*, belonging to Menzell and Company, of Hamburg, has been decorated by the Emperor of Japan with a medal for saving life at sea. Captain Schipper on December 31st, 1904, during a hurricane in the sea of Izu, in circumstances of great danger, saved several shipwrecked Japanese subjects.

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

LONDON, 26th September.
The Hungarian Opposition parties will meet on the 3rd October to draft a formal reply to the Emperor.

GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 26th September.
M. Witte had prolonged interviews yesterday with Count von Bismarck and Baron Richthofen.

BARON KOMURA HOMEWARD BOUND.

LONDON, 26th September.
Baron Komura starts for home to-morrow, via Vancouver.

CANADA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, 26th September.
Canada has asked the Imperial Government to arrange for Canada to become a party to the Anglo-Japanese treaty of 1895, thus securing the minimum tariff which at present gives an advantage to American products.

THE TANJONG-PAGAR DOCK CO.

LONDON, 26th September.
The Admiralty disclaims all connection with the purchase of the Tanjong-Pagar Dock Co., and it is officially explained that the Straits Government, and not the Imperial, is the purchaser.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

LONDON, 26th September.
The Anglo-Japanese Agreement, which has been published in London and Tokyo, contains a preamble and eight articles. The preamble states that the object of the agreement is the consolidation and the maintenance of the general peace in eastern Asia and India, and the preservation of the common interests of all powers in China, by ensuring the independence and integrity of China, the principle of the open door, the maintenance of the territorial rights of Great Britain and Japan in eastern Asia and India, and the defence of their special rights there.

Article No. 1.—The two Governments, whenever their rights or interests are jeopardised, shall communicate with each other fully and frankly, and shall consider jointly the measures to be taken to safeguard them.

Article No. 2.—If by reason of an unprovoked attack or any aggressive action, wherever arising, on the part of any power or powers, involving either party in war in defence of its territorial rights and interests, the other party will at once come to the assistance of its ally, and will conduct the war in common and make peace in mutual agreement.

Article No. 3.—Japan possessing paramount political, military, and economic rights in Korea, Great Britain recognises the right of Japan to take such measures for the guidance, control, and the protection of Korea as Japan may deem proper and necessary to safeguard and advance those interests, provided such measures are not contrary to the principle of an equal opportunity to all commerce.

Article No. 4.—Japan recognises the right of Great Britain to take such measures in the proximity of the Indian frontier, as may be necessary to safeguard her Indian possessions.

Article No. 5.—The contracting parties agree that neither will without consulting the other, enter into separate arrangements with another power to the prejudice of the objects specified in the preamble.

Article No. 6.—Refers to the Russo-Japanese war, Great Britain undertaking to maintain a strict neutrality and to come to the assistance of Japan in the event of her being attacked by another power.

Article No. 7.—Provides that the conditions under which armed assistance will be rendered shall be arranged by the military and naval authorities of the contracting parties, who will consult one with the other fully and freely from time to time.

Article No. 8.—The present agreement is for a term of ten years but shall be terminable at one year's notice.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. str. *Oceanus* with the next French mail, will leave Saigon to-day at 4 p.m. for this port.

The C.P.E. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, the 27th Sept., and left again at 12.30 p.m. same day for Yokohama, where she was due to arrive at 1 p.m. yesterday.

The N.G.I. str. *Capri* left S. G. port for this port on the 28th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on the 3rd Oct.

The C.O.N. str. *Tsitsian*, from Australian ports, left Thursday Island on the 20th inst., and is due here on the 5th Oct.

DES VŒUX ROAD FIRE INQUIRY.

At the Magistracy yesterday afternoon Mr. F. A. Hasland conducted an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the fire which occurred at the Cheung Lee Furniture shop, Des Vœux Road Central, on the morning of the 9th instant.

Mr. E. A. Harding watched the proceedings on behalf of the owner of the premises, and Mr. W. Lockyer (of Messrs. Deacon, Lockyer and Deacon) on behalf of the Meiji, the Western of Toronto, the North German, the Liverpool and London and Globe, the Sun and L'Union Fire Insurance Companies.

Lu Sul, master of the Cheung Lee Furniture shop, stated that the fire broke out at his premises shortly after 2 a.m. He and his wife slept on the premises on the night in question. He slept on the second floor and went to bed about 11 p.m. A noise awakened him and he found the room full of smoke. He ran to the head of the stairs and saw smoke ascending from below. He then went to the kitchen, opened the window, and shouted "Save life" for a long time, after which he climbed to the ground by pipe. He was burnt about the hands and face and went to see Dr. Jen Hawk. Before visiting the doctor he called on a friend in Pottinger Street who accompanied him to the hospital. He did not visit the shop for two or three days after the fire as he was too ill to leave the house. He did not know how the fire originated, but there were lamps burning on the stair cases each side of the shop. There was also a lamp burning on the first floor. He had been in the shop for two years and first started in the furniture line about five years ago. He never had a furniture shop in Canton. The shop was first insured for \$45,000, but the insurance was increased to \$50,000 sometime before the fire. He valued his stock at the time of the fire at over \$50,000, and had made up an account of it.

To Mr. Harding.—The Cheung Lee business was started over ten years ago. For over five years his insurance had amounted to \$45,000. His biggest insurance was with the Meiji Fire Insurance Co., for \$20,000, and that policy was in force before he removed to Des Vœux Road.

He effected new insurances with other companies because they were customers of his and asked him to patronise them. Kum Yik Chee was formerly a partner in the Caung Lee firm, and ceased to be one because he had overdrawn his money. He did not owe any money to his landlord at the time of the fire. His money invested in other firms amounted to over \$30,000, while his debts stood at over \$10,000.

To Mr. Lockyer.—He first had a one-fourth share in the Chung Lee shop, which was worth \$2,500. It was his father's share, and was left to him. He also put \$7,500 cash into the shop, which was to buy up the other partners. That was five years ago. For some months before the fire he was not making much profit, but last year his profits amounted to \$3,000 or \$4,000. He made 20 or 30 per cent. profit this year; that was calculated without deducting expenses. About \$6,000 or \$7,000 worth of the goods in his shop were not paid for: he bought them from commission agents in Hongkong. Besides this amount he owed his friends and relations from \$7,000 to \$8,000, and people abroad about \$5,000. If paid the full amount of his policies he would have about \$2,000 in cash when his debts were paid. His stock kept the books of the shop.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

THE TRANSPORT "DUNERA."

We take the following in her free criticism from the *Singapore Free Press*:—

As the transport *Dunera* is to do all the trooping this season, with details to and from Hongkong and Singapore, it is anything but pleasant for home-going officers and men to have the annexed extract from *Truth* (Aug. 24), regarding previous experiences on board:—

"A well-found boat of this description must add enormously to the pleasures of a thirty-two days' voyage:—

"An officer who recently returned from South Africa by the hired transport *Dunera* narrates an edifying story of his experiences.

Not only was his cabin infested with cockroaches, bugs and other vermin, but one of his wife's dress baskets in the baggage room was opened during the voyage and two fans, value £20, stolen.

Another officer had a similar experience before the ship had been at sea a week, but his complaint did not prevent this subsequent theft; it is not surprising, under these circumstances, to hear that other similar atrocities have occurred on the ship, and such a state of things is most disgraceful to the ship's officers and crew.

My correspondent says that the ship in question is absolutely unfit in every way for a white man to travel on, and his evidence certainly goes a long way to bear out that opinion."

JAPANESE PRIZE COURT.

DECISIONS.

The Prize Court at Yokosuka has declared the following vessels, together with their cargoes, to be lawful prizes of war:—

British steamer *Wykefield* (3,235 tons); cargo, 5,600 tons Cardiff coal.

Austrian steamer *Burmah* (3,071 tons); cargo, 4,106 tons Cardiff coal.

Austrian steamer *Siam* (3,160 tons); cargo, 4,100 tons Cardiff coal.

The appeals from the sentence of Sasebo Prize Court in the case of the following two steamers have been dismissed and the ships with their cargoes are declared lawful prizes of war:—

British steamer *Sikhsana* (4,187 tons); cargo, 6,534 tons Cardiff coal.

Dutch steamer <i

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at the Council Chamber yesterday. Present: His Excellency the Governor, Major Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G. His Excellency Major-General Vilhjalmur Hutton, C.B. (Commanding the Troops). Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith (Colonial Secretary). Hon. Sir H. S. Berkeley, K.C. (Attorney General). Hon. Mr. L. A. M. Johnston (Colonial Treasurer). Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin (Registrar-General). Hon. Mr. Basil H. Taylor, R.N. (Harbour Master). Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Director of Public Works). Hon. Mr. R. Shewan. Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G. Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G. Hon. Mr. Gershon Stewart. Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk. Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table financial minutes 40 to 42 and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee, No. 8, and stated that several additions had been made to that report.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY.—It will be within the recollection of members of the Council that the Appropriation Bill was referred to the Finance Committee last week, after its second reading, to be reported upon. As Chairman of that Committee I beg to certify that the Bill was considered clause after clause in the presence of all the members, and it was approved that in the opinion of the Committee such Bill might be dealt with by the Council as a Bill dealt with by a committee of the whole Council. As there was no material alteration in the Bill I beg to propose, in the absence of any objection, the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million seven hundred and seventeen thousand two hundred and seventy-six Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1906.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

His Excellency.—In asking you, gentlemen, to vote upon the third reading of the Appropriation Bill—and I trust unanimously—I will renew my assurance that vote will not be considered as committing you to accept the principle of the transfer of the Widows and Orphans' Fund to the Government. As I have not yet been able to obtain the views on the subject of the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Bill of certain gentlemen interested in the fund, to whom I have referred, I am not prepared to proceed with that Bill this afternoon. There is one other point I would like to mention this afternoon as I dealt with it in my remarks introducing the Appropriation Bill. I then informed you that I was in hopes that the question of military land, which had been under discussion since the date of the cession of Kowloon, was approaching settlement. I have now pleasure in informing you that, by the last mail, I received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies a dispatch in which he informs me that the proposals put forward by His Excellency, the General Officer Commanding, and myself, as a fair and equitable solution of this matter, had been accepted by the Colonial Office, the War Office and the Lord Commissioners of the Treasury (applause). The correspondence on the subject is largely confidential, but I am asking the Secretary of State to allow me to lay the papers in this correspondence on the table of this Council (hear, hear).

The motion was then agreed to.

NEW TERRITORIES LAND ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the New Territories Land Ordinance, 1903.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

MAINTENANCE OF MARRIED WOMEN.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill to provide for the maintenance of married women deserted by their husbands.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE PEAK TRAMWAY.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater moved that the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for authorizing the Construction of a Tramway within the Colony of Hongkong, be adjourned till the next meeting of the Council.

His Excellency.—I don't think that motion is necessary. The Bill stands adjourned, and the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund Bill likewise stands adjourned till a future meeting.

The Council was adjourned till after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held after the Council, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of One thousand dollars (\$1,000) in aid of the vote, Police, Sub-Department, Fire Brigade—Other charges, repairs to engines, hose, etc., for the yearly overhaul and repairs of the Floating Fire Engine.

THE GAOL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand and six hundred dollars (\$2,600) in aid of the vote, Gaol—Other charges, for the following items:—

Incidental expenses \$1,000

Provisions for prisoners 1,600

Total \$2,600

POLICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Five thousand one hundred and sixty dollars (\$5,160) in aid of the vote, Police—Other charges, for the following items:—

Incidental expenses \$300

Meals for prisoners in cells 200

Office Furniture 60

Passages, and bonuses in lieu of Passages 4,000

Total \$5,160

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

On the Council resuming, The COLONIAL SECRETARY said—I beg to report that the financial minutes 40 to 42 have been considered by the Finance Committee and that the recommendations have been approved. I beg to move that the report be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was agreed to.

His Excellency.—The Council is adjourned sine die.

A meeting of the Executive Council was afterwards held.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-fourth ordinary general meeting, on Friday, 20th October, reads as follows:—

The general agents and consulting committee beg to submit to the shareholders the final accounts for the year 1904.

1904 account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$661,540.38 as per statement which it is recommended be appropriated as follows:—

A dividend of \$20 per share \$20,000.00
Addition to the reserve fund 200,000.00
Addition to re-insurance fund 30,000.00
Carrying forward to the current year's account 211,540.38

\$661,540.38

1905 account.—So far the general agents and consulting committee have every reason to be satisfied with the progress of this account.

Consulting Committee.—Since the last meeting Mr. G. C. Moxon was nominated in place of Mr. D. E. Brown and his appointment requires the confirmation of shareholders. The present members, The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. F. Maithad, H. P. White, E. Shelling and G. C. Moxon retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. LAMMERT seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimous.

Mr. ASGER in returning thanks said he would always put forth his best endeavours in the interests of the club.

Mr. M. E. ASGER moved and Mr. R. BASA seconded, that the retiring treasurer, Mr. G. Rapp, be re-elected. Carried.

Mr. R. BASA moved that Mr. Lammert be re-elected captain.

Mr. R. PESTONJI seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. M. E. ASGER was appointed vice-captain on the motion of Mr. COOPER seconded by Mr. J. PESTONJI.

The following committee were elected by ballot:—Mr. E. Asger, R. Basa, A. O. Brown, L. A. Rose and J. Toppin.

The annual report was as follows:—

The committee have great pleasure in presenting their report for the season 1904-05, which was a most successful one. The club, relying on practically the same team as in the previous season, again entered for the League competition, and succeeded in winning the Shield. The number of matches played was 18, of which 12 were won, 2 drawn and 4 lost. (Points 33.)

The members had a very successful "At Home" on the 6th May last, when athletic sports of an entertaining nature were provided. On this occasion the League shield and medals were presented to the team by the Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, the President of the League, to whom the thanks of the club are due, as also to Mrs. Braithwood for presenting the club and sports' prizes.

LAWN TENNIS.—Lawn Tennis was resumed in the summer. Entries for the competition showed no falling off and great interest was evinced in the various events. The Scratch Single was won by Mr. F. Rapp and the Final in the Doubles Handicap will be played off in a few days.

MEMBERSHIP.—The roll of members during the season reached 65.

FINANCE.—The total receipts amounted to \$1,503.80 and expenditure \$1,328.92 leaving a balance in hand of \$174.97.

THE PAVILION.—At the last annual meeting it was thought desirable to extend the pavilion, and this extension was very satisfactorily carried out at a cost of \$300, of which \$172 were subscribed by members, the balance being drawn from the club funds.

GEAR.—The gear in hand is in good order and additional goods are in transit.

Mr. A. O. Brown heads the list of batting averages with 18.58, Mr. R. Basa, 17.66, being a close second. Mr. Brown, having the highest average for two successive seasons, becomes the winner of the Bellion cup.

Mr. R. Pestonji has the best bowling analysis, having captured 56 wickets at 7.32 runs.

The committee desire to tender to the president their thanks for his usual prizes.

The annual general meeting will be held in the pavilion on Thursday, the 28th September, at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Asger, hon. secretary.

The accounts, presented by Mr. G. Rapp, hon. treasurer, show a balance in hand of \$174.97.

This is further confirmation of the well-known fact that Mr. Lawson is a big gambler as the rest; and that he fell out with Mr. H. H. Rogers, of Standard Oil fame, because Messrs. Rockefeller and Rogers "dropped" him. His exposures have done good, but Mr. Lawson does not deserve canonization. His present project will play havoc with the investments of many thousands of innocent people; and it is to be hoped that though the conflict, if entered upon, will be sharp, it will be short.—ED. TIMES.

Money may be acquired by accident—manners never.—Rev. T. C. Williams.

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

The annual general meeting of members of this Club was held at the match, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. Mr. W. D. Braithwood (president) presided, and there were also present Messrs. A. E. Asger (secretary), M. E. Asger, H. C. Mack, L. Lammert, J. Pestonji, J. W. Stewart, W. Alton, R. Basa, R. Cooper, A. Ahmed, J. Bass, R. Rosa, L. A. Rosa, and J. Toppin.

The notice concerning the meeting having been read, the PRESIDENT said—Gentlemen, the report and accounts have been in your hands for sometime, and so far as I can see there is very little in them that calls for remark. Last season was a very successful one indeed, and members have every reason to congratulate themselves on having done so well (applause). I only hope our success this year will be equal to that of last, and that we shall succeed in retaining the shield we won. In the matter of finance, gentlemen, you will see that notwithstanding the fact that the extension to the pavilion was carried out at a cost of \$300, we have still a considerable sum at credit balance—\$174.97. In addition to that we will see that there are outstanding debts amounting to \$61.73. Now, taken altogether, \$128 has been taken from the funds as a contribution towards the extension of the Pavilion. The club has in hand, however, something over \$300 at the present time, I think, gentlemen, I am sure that this is a subject for congratulation. I don't think there is anything more to say, but shall be glad to answer any questions asked before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts.

No questions were asked and the PRESIDENT proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. M. E. ASGER seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

Mr. Braithwood as president.

Mr. Lammert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Braithwood—I thank you, gentlemen, and as in former years I shall do my utmost to promote the welfare of the club (applause).

The PRESIDENT proposed that Mr. A. E. Asger be re-elected secretary. For many years he had devoted a large portion of his time and attention to the interests of the Club, and a better secretary it would be impossible to get (hear, hear). We are indebted to him for the energetic and able manner in which he has conducted his duties in the past and can only show our appreciation of his efforts by re-electing him unanimously (applause).

Mr. Lammert seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Asger in returning thanks said he would always put forth his best endeavours in the interests of the club.

Mr. M. E. ASGER moved and Mr. R. BASA seconded, that the retiring treasurer, Mr. G. Rapp, be re-elected. Carried.

Mr. R. BASA moved that Mr. Lammert be re-elected captain.

Mr. R. PESTONJI seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. M. E. ASGER was appointed vice-captain on the motion of Mr. COOPER seconded by Mr. J. PESTONJI.

The following committee were elected by ballot:—Mr. E. Asger, R. Basa, A. O. Brown, L. A. Rose and J. Toppin.

Accounts are as follows:—

WORKING ACCOUNT.
31st August, 1905.

To wages and salaries \$20,000.00
To water rate 23.00
To stationery, printing and advertising 202.70
To water polo subscription, &c. 11.00
To incidental expenses 140.16
To repairs to match 97.80

To expenses in connection with the formation of the club 258.50
To new club house, drawings, &c. 16.40
To balance 1,331.44

\$3,373.00

By interest ex bankers \$ 6.00
By subscriptions 2,367.00

\$2,373.00

BALANCE SHEET.
31st August, 1905.

LIABILITIES.

To creditors \$ 345.25
To capital, viz.:—

Estimated value of boats, furniture, &c. \$3,110.00
Cash received from Yacht Club 234.46

Do. 1,777.24

5,121.70

Balance of working account 1,331.44

\$2,706.99

ASSETS.

By estimated value of boats \$2,810.00
Less 2 boats sold 400.00

\$2,410.00

By estimated value of furniture, &c. 300.00

By sundry debtors 2,191.00

By cash in the bank 1,855.99

\$6,790.59

A ROYAL BIRTHDAY.

The anniversary of the birthday of Their Most Faithful Majesties, the King and Queen of Portugal, was celebrated by the Portuguese community here. In honour of the dual event, Senhor-Conselheiro A. G. Romano, the Consul General for Portugal, held a reception at his residence "Duart," Arthubnot Road, which was attended by the official representatives of other nationalities and a number of Portuguese gentlemen.

King Carlos I of Portugal was born on the 28th September, 1863, and was, therefore, 42 years of age yesterday. He married Amelie, daughter of the Duke of Orleans. By a curious coincidence the anniversary of her natal day also falls on the same date.

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Hongkong, 28th September, 1905. [2241]

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"HAITAN,"
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above ports on SUNDAY, the 1st October, at
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For Freight or Passage, apply to—
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Hongkong, 29th September, 1905. [2241]

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Hongkong, 28th September, 1905. [2235]

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1905. [2236]

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [184]

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Hongkong, 31st August, 1905. [2032]

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,750,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £687,500. 9 0

II. FIRE FUNDS, £3,001,266 12 9

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Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. [1567]

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T. C. GRAY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1905. [2179]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the CITY HALL at 5.30 P.M. TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 29th inst.

Will members who have not received a copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August last, kindly apply to the undersigned?

W. ARMSTRONG,
Acting Hon. Secretary

(Care of Butterfield & Swire).

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1905. [2180]

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THE BALTIC PROVINCES.

A STATE OF ANARCHY.

St. Petersburg, August 26.

The Police Department has drawn up a comprehensive report referring to the disturbances among the Letts in the Baltic provinces, fostered by the agitation of the Lett Social Democratic party and the Socialist Revolutionary Workers' Union. Latterly, says the report, the revolutionary disturbances have often assumed an anarchical character coupled with a total disrespect of religion, human life, and the rights of property. Everyone has taken part in the agitation against the Government, in which the Lett journal, appearing in St. Petersburg, has also joined until quite recently.

The movement has been especially marked since the beginning of the current year, and within the last three or four months there have been in the streets of the towns of Courland and Livonia four attempts on the lives of officials, four attacks on private persons, six attempts on police officers, and three on Cossack patrols. In two cases bombs were thrown. At Riga an attempt was made to set fire to the powder stores in the cartridge factory. The revolutionary movement spread from the town throughout the lands of Livonia and Courland, where anarchist in-thedes have also been employed. Since April the movement has developed quickly. In the Lutheran churches demonstrations were begun which were repeated nearly every Sunday in May and June.

Towards the end of July the movement assumed an exceedingly threatening character. The agitators gave the peasants arms, of which they obviously possessed an extensive supply.

In Mit, the agricultural labourers in one day destroyed the archives of nine districts, after flinging documents, legal seals, and portraits of the Czar into the street. The instances reported in the press are fully borne out by the police report. The latest official advices state that there has been an increase lately in the number of attempts to damage the railway line.

The authorities have established the fact that the revolutionary bands are chiefly composed of farm hands who have been enticed by agitators from various estates. The men do not know their leaders, who are terrorising the people and compelling them to commit crimes. The administration believes that the headquarters of the leaders of the agitation is Riga, where the sitings since July 27 have been exceedingly disquieting.—*Globe*.

CHINA AND AMERICAN GOODS.

According to reports from Montreal, word has been received from Mr. G. N. Bosworth, fourth vice-president and general freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to the effect that shipments of American flour were stopping, and that inquiries were being made in China for Canadian flour. These reports have been practically confirmed here, and from what can be learned it appears that the Chinese are thoroughly in earnest in their intention to do without American goods. This should prove to be true it is at once apparent that no one corporation will be a greater gainer than the Canadian Pacific, with its through route to the Far East, handling for the most part Canadian and British made goods. It is regarded as significant that sales of cotton goods to China have practically ceased, and while this is accounted for to a certain extent by the extraordinary heavy purchases made earlier in the year, yet it is felt that, under normal circumstances, Chinese buyers should have again entered the market before this. Private notes from China are to the effect that deliveries of cotton piece-goods which had been contracted for are being interrupted by reason of the boycott, and this is regarded as all the more remarkable in view of the Chinaman's well-known respect for a signed contract. Not only this, but the orders were placed to supply a pre-established demand, and, moreover, were purchased at a price which is at least 20 per cent. below that prevailing to-day. All these circumstances engender the belief that the boycott is much more serious than many would have us think, and that a determined effort of some kind will have to be made to overcome it.

TOBACCO AND PEACE.

The following extract from a belated account of the Peace Conference conveys a vivid impression of the scene at one awkward discussion:

"We have reached the most delicate, if not critical, moment of the Conference. Yesterday's sitting, which began at three in the afternoon, came near being the last. There was stricter secrecy than ever; even the secretaries were excluded. The Japanese seem to have expected some new proposal. 'No,' said the Russians, 'we have none to offer. Half Sakhalin and no indemnity are our last words.' M. Witte said it with quiet firmness, which convinced the Japanese that it was no trifice of diplomacy but an unshakable resolution. They sat silent. The Russians sat silent. M. Witte lighted a cigarette and smoked silently. Baron Komura lighted a cigarette and smoked silently. This lasted for eight minutes. Then Baron Komura, suggesting that it was a pity that the Conference should break up so abruptly, proposed an adjournment till Monday at three in the afternoon. The Russians agreed.

REVIEWS.

The Path of the Classics: the Chinese Classics in Everyday Life; or Quotations from the Chinese Classics in Colloquial Use. By J. D. DUNN BAILL, M.R.A.S. Hongkong: Norhams & Co. \$2.

That cumbersome title suggests that Professor Bailly was at a loss which of the alternative titles to discard, and that he put them all down in despair of making up his mind. This was a pity, for a good book deserves a good title, and a good title is one that is conveniently memorised and repeated. We suggest "Chinese Adages, from the Classics," as a better. The argument of the preface is all to show that these quotations are in such general use that they have become adages: "the object of this book . . . was to only give those which are in common use and understood by the great mass of the people." Apparently the Chinese in conversation are fond of dragging in a bucknleyed quotation (all bucknleyed quotations are adages, ipso facto) and twisting them to fit the time and case. "If he has not reached the age of forty and fifty and has not made himself heard of," for instance, is altered to "I am forty or fifty and haven't a cent." This reminds us of the way in which the philistines of England will often quote Shakespeare's fine emphasisation of the value of reputation, without thinking for a moment of its original application, and divorcing it from its context. Some petty payment is in question. The young man, giggling at the uprightness of it, and proud of his ready wit, murmurs: "Who steals my purse steals truth," meaning only

that his finances are at a low ebb. This habit is so common, and its Chinese examples evidently so exactly similar, that we regard the author's explanations of the possible uses (or misuses?) of some of the quotations as prolix. It is evident, for instance, that our old friend, "Evil communications corrupt good manners," is present in the Chinese: 無友不如己者

One of a Mob, by Nat Gould. London, John Long.

This is another of the exciting, racy stories of this well-known author, wherein he truthfully portrays the conditions of station life in Queensland, and the characteristics of the modern Australian aboriginal. A feature in the Australian's life is his partiality for sport especially horse racing, and the author's description of Toowong, Eagle Farm, Caulfield and Flemington on race days is true to life. He introduces a mining rush, describing the magic-like upbuilding of a caucas town in the lonely bush. Interest in the book increases from chapter to chapter, and like most of this author's works, it is just the book to pass a leisure hour away. Mr. Long has arranged to publish all Mr. Gould's stories.

WATER POWER IN CHINA.

The Western world is only just awakening to the value of water power in industry, through the installation of the turbine and dynamo, but how ancient is the use of water power appears from the interesting report from Mr. Hosie on his visit to the Tibet frontier that we publish elsewhere. Speaking of the system of irrigation on the plain of Chengtu, he tells us that not only are all these streams and canals available for irrigation, but they are also utilised to generate power required in various industries. Here is to be seen a four-wheel driven by a vertical or horizontal water-wheel; there a similar mill is engaged in crushing rape seed preparatory to the extraction of the oil. In winter when the water is low in the beds of the streams Persian wheels of light bamboo work are set up along the banks, and unattended, silently pour, as they revolve, the contents gathered by their rim into raised troughs, whence the water in led by bamboo gutters to the thirsty land. The whole plain is full of agricultural and industrial life and activity, but it is only from the surrounding mountains that a good view of it can be obtained for it is so thickly wooded that not more than a few hundred yards are visible from one spot. The villages and hamlets are scattered by bamboo and trees of various kinds, and these innumerable clumps of foliage bar any extensive view. Such is the nature of the country round Chengtu. From the city walls one looks across the dense wood plain to the range of hills bordering it on the east, but the mountains to the west are rarely visible. Even from this vantage ground one sees little of the plain itself, but a confused mass of greenery, lit up in February and March by the bright yellow blossoms of the rape, and in May and August by golden patches of ripening grain.—*Commercial Intelligencer*.

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THE "MIKASA" DISASTER.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The opinion is becoming strengthened that the battle-ship *Mikasa* was sunk as the result of an accident. The place where the warship is lying in the harbour of Sasebo is six fathoms deep, and as the depth of the battleship below the water line is 27 feet, the upper works are, therefore, above water. According to information so far received, the damage to the ship is not so serious as at first reported, and it is expected that she will be fully serviceable when raised and repaired. The explanation given for the heavy loss of life is that the men on board in time of fire have great difficulty in escaping, as they have to make their way from below by narrow passages. At a time of peril they are almost entombed, and in case of fire are liable to be suffocated by smoke. It is supposed that the bodies of most of those who perished are now in the sunken vessel.

In a report to the head quarters of the Constitution, Mr. Watanabe, Mayor of Sasebo, who is also a Constitutional member of the Diet, emphatically denies the rumour that the disaster to the *Mikasa* was the result of any act on the part of disaffected men. Mr. Watanabe is confident that it was entirely an accident. Everything, he says, is quiet at Sasebo, there being not the least sign of disaffection. The whole town is in mourning for the loss of so many brave men.

The *Osaka Mainichi* publishes the following account of the fire on the *Mikasa* as related by an eyewitness:

About 20 minutes after midnight on the 10th instant, the muffled sound of an explosion was heard in the harbour of Sasebo, and heavy smoke and flames were soon rising. It was soon known that a war-ship was on fire, and great excitement prevailed in the town, but nothing could be done, as the harbour is strictly closed against the public. It was soon learned that the ship on fire was the flagship *Mikasa* and this naturally increased the public excitement. The flagship entered the port on the 8th instant, together with the *Fuji Asahi Shikishima* and *Kanagi* and the flagship was lying abreast of the battleship *Sagami* (formerly the Russian *Peresvet*). Captain Iijishi, in command of the *Mikasa*, could be seen on the bridge directing the operations of his men for extinguishing the fire. Assistance quickly went from all the other ships in the harbour, and efforts were made in vain to discover the place where the fire had originated. The heavy black smoke which was rising from the bottom in thick clouds seriously interfered with the operations of the men. Shortly before 2 o'clock a tremendous explosion shook the town and the *Mikasa* at once began to settle. In a few moments the monster ship was resting on the harbour bottom.

So violent was the explosion that a policeman on a steam-launch near by was knocked into the water by the vibration. Fortunately, the hospital ship *Kobe-maru* was present in the harbour at the time, and the wounded were promptly attended to. Captain Iijishi escaped unharmed.

From the above account it would seem that an explosion preceded the fire, which, with the report that heavy black smoke accompanied the outbreak, would seem to support the theory that the fire was due to the spontaneous combustion of gun-cotton.—*Japan Chronicle*.

THE RETURN OF THE JAPANESE ARMY.

A REMARKABLE TOW.

We read in the *Kokinshu Shimban*, says the *Japan Mail*, that the shipment of the troops for home will commence at the end of October. In addition to Nishimura and Duri there will be a third medical inspection station at Wadu-nomisaki. It is expected that the whole operation of bringing home the troops will occupy about six months. One Division will have to be left in Manchuria as railway guards, the number of men required under the peace treaty being just about the peace strength of a Division, namely 11,260. This calculation is based on the data that the total length of line is 782 kilometers, which may be reduced by 32 kilometers on account of the portion lying within the leased area in Liaotung Peninsula. Allowing 15 men per kilometer, there results a total of 11,250 men.

We do not yet hear any talk of a triumphal reception for the troops as they return, but some arrangement will undoubtedly be made.

ICED DRINKS.

The poor health of so many Americans is put down to "heroes" from the rush of modern commerce and professional life, and dyspepsia, from too hurried eating and an inability to use of iced water. We should, if the two causes, put most of the blame on the dyspepsia, for unless a man has plenty of well-employed, energetic energy, he soon deteriorates all round. Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, concludes a paper in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* as follows:

"Full many a man both young and old

"Has gone to his sevengraves

"By pouring water icy cold

"Down his hot esophagus.

The same thing may be said of life in the tropics. At dinner, especially, it is safest to let the cold strength or the cool beer stand untested for a while to get the extreme chill off. From the point of view of good digestion one very pleasant but very mischievous feature of the meal at this dinner is the introduction, just when the delicate processes of ingestion and digestion are fairly started, of a cold shock that arrests and chills the beneficial chemistry of the stomach by an acute shock in the form of "Ponche Romana." If people in general in the Far East were to remember Dr. Wiley's humorous but sensible lines, in relation to the function of digestion, there would be a marked improvement in the health of no few amongst the European communities.—*Singapore Free Press*.

RUSSIAN PAPER-MAKING.

The report on Japanese paper-making, by Mr. Oswald White, student-interpreter in the Consul's service at Tokyo (Miscellaneous Series No. 63), is very entertaining. The Japanese article, however, being of a special character, is little used abroad; in fact, the export to China is the only one of any importance. A certain amount of napkins and thin copying papers is also exported to America and elsewhere, and an attempt to put newspaper on the Japanese market has met with some success. Mr. White mentions the almost entire absence of factories for the industry, which is very largely carried on by peasants, often as a temporary occupation in the winter. Such conditions are not conducive to progress, and until recently Japanese paper-making stood just where it was 500 years ago. Much, however, has been done lately to improve matters by the establishment of guilds.

RUSSIAN HEROES RE-UNION.

The *China Review* of Tientsin understands that orders have been given to get everything ready on board all the interned Russian vessels which are at present in Chinese and other ports in order to proceed, as soon as the peace terms are duly signed, up to Vladivostock where they will winter. They will form, remarks that paper, the nucleus of a fine squadron when they all arrive and join the three cruisers at present in the northern port. There will be the battleship *Gesvarts* and the torpedo-boats from Tsinling, the cruisers *Admiral* and the gun boat *Mandarin*, together with several transports and torpedo-boats from Shanghai; the three cruisers now under repair at Manila; the cruiser *Diago* at Saigon, the converted cruiser *Lena* from San Francisco; and the eight smaller craft lying in Chefoo harbour.

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THE CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

FRENCH MINISTER ADVISES PURCHASE BY CHINA.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

The *Mainichi* publishes the following Peking telegram dated 16th September.—The Chinese authorities are not yet free from anxiety as to the Russo-Japanese peace terms. They fear that Japan intends to obtain from China what it could not get from Russia, with the result that the Chinese rights in Manchuria will be greatly affected. M. Dubail, French Minister at Peking, is making strong representations to the Government with regard to the Chinese Eastern Railway. He advises it to buy the railway from Japan, borrowing the money from France. Many unreliable reports are in circulation, but it is certain that negotiations are going on between Prince Ching and the French Minister through Wu-Ting-fang, and the Chinese Minister at Washington. The Chinese Government has completed its consideration of the question of adopting the "open door" policy in Manchuria. In accordance with the terms of the Treaties between China and Japan and China and Great Britain, it has decided to open Mukden, Tsinan, and Antung-chien. It is also prepared to open Kien, Ningkuta, Houchun, Tsinshih and Aigun. China has instructed her representative at St. Petersburg to ask the Russian Government to open Vladivostock in view of the opening of the Manchurian towns referred to above.—*Kuei Herald*.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
AMIGO, German str., 822, J. Iwesen, 27th Sept.—Haiphong 23rd Sept. and Hoioi 26th, Rice General and Pigs—Johens & Co.
ASTRAEA, British cruiser, 4,260, Lionel G. Tufnell, 28th Sept.—Weihaiwei 23rd Sept.
HELENE, German str., 771, J. Jessen, 27th Sept.—Swatow 26th Sept. General—Johens & Co.
LOWTHER CASTLE, British str., 2,061, W. Lightoller, 29th Sept.—New York via Singapore 6th August, General—Dowdell & Co.
RAS ISRA, British str., 2,442, R. Perrett, 27th Sept.—Bunbury (W.A.) 7th Sept., Sleepers for Shanghai—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
26th September.

Dakota, British str., for San Francisco.
Radnorshire, British str., for Bangkok.
Ras Isra, British str., for Shanghai.
Sunda, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.
28th September.

ALDAGE, British str., for Kuching 21st.
CEYLON, British str., for London.
CHIYUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
GENESEE, British str., for Shanghai.
KWANGTAH, Chinese str., for Canton.
KWEITANG, British str., for Chetoo.
KWONGSHAN, British str., for Canton.
PRINZ WALDEMAR, German str., for Yokohama.

SHIPPING REPORT.
The British str., *Lowther Castle* reports: Unsettled weather and much rain. From 1st to 18th Hongkong strong N.E. wind, dirty weather and high sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
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 AND SUMATRA PORTS.

EUROPEAN SERVICE.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 29th September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 10th October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 17th October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 24th October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 31st October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINOSUEY"	On 1st November.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR"	On 6th November.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCOUS"	On 14th November.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 7th October.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 15th October.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 24th October.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 7th November.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"CHINGWO"	On 15th November.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 21st November.

Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

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Operating in conjunction with

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EASTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & PACIFIC COAST PORTS	"TYDEUS", "PINGSUEY"	On 1st October.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"KINTUCK", "CHIHLI", "TEAN", "MACHAON", "KEEMUN", "BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE AGENTS.	On 1st November.

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA and PACIFIC COAST	"BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE AGENTS."	On 24th October.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMOY and MANILA	"SUNGKLIANG"	On 29th Sept., 4 P.M.
SWATOW, TSIINGTAU, WEI-HAI-WEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN	"CHIHLI"	On 1st October.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 3rd October.
ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS, VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 16th October.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1905.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING	THE CHARTERED S.S.	LEAVING
"TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY"	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 8th Oct.	H. OHTA
		at 10 A.M.	
"TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY"	"PROTEUS"	SUNDAY, 1st Oct.	at 8 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"KRABBE"	WEDNESDAY, 4th Oct.	at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW	"PROMISE"	THURSDAY, 5th Oct.	at 10 A.M.
	"THROSTENSEN"		
	"FRITHJOF"		
	"HAALDSEN"		

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with electric light.

Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 3, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1905.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Oceanic*, with the French mail of the 1st September leaves Saigon on Friday, the 29th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd October. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on July 29th.

••• Mails for CANTON, SAMSHU and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m. Mails for NAMTAO, SANKEE, *KONGMOON, *KUNCHUK, *SAMSHU, *WUCHOW and *CANTON are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m. ••• No mails are despatched to those places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR PER DATE.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama			
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow			
Macao and Amalnai			
Kobe			
Hokkow, Tsimshau and Quinhon			
Manila			
Amoy, Manila, Cebu and Iloilo			
Macao			
Chingking			
Shanghai			
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow			
Swatow, Tsingtau, Wei-hai-wei, Chinkow and Tientsin			
Shanghai			
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN			
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)			
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)			
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta			
Madras, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.			
Singapore, Siam, Siam and Samutprakan			
Swatow, Chefoo and Tsinan			
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar			
Manila			
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN			
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(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)			
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The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 6th October.			
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta			
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN			
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)			
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)			
Singapore, Penang and Bombay			
TO-DAY.			
Annual General Meeting of Hongkong Hockey Club, Cricket Club, Pavilion, 5 p.m.			
Annual General Meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.			
TO-MORROW.			
Sale, Dress Materials, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. V. L. Remedies, 2.30 p.m.			
Grand Promenade Concert, Volunteer Parade Ground, 9.15 p.m.			

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

29th September.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/11
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/11
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/11
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/11
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/11
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	344
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	345
ON GERMANY.—	On demand	1982
	Bank Bills, on demand	471
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	471
ON EGYPT.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1442
	Bank, on demand	145
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1442
	Bank, on demand	145
ON BENGAL.—	Bank, at sight	712
	Private, 30 days' sight	722
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	45
ON MANILA.—	On demand—Pesos	45
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	9 p.c. p.m.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	1162
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand	1 p.c. p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	Par.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	614
BOURBONS, Bank's Buying Rate	10.	
GOLD LEAD, 100 fine, per tael	53.90	
BAR SILVER, per oz.	382	

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28th September.

Quotations are— Allowances net to 1 catty.		
Molva New	3100	per picul.
Molva Old	31150	to
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Molva V. Old	31020	to
Perian fine quality	31070	to
Perian extra fine	31140	to
Patai New	16872	to per chest.
Patai Old	31010	to
Benzoin New	31970	to
Benzoin Old	31990	to

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Oceanic* will leave Saigon on the 29th Sept. at 4 p.m. for this port.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *China* left Yokohama on the 26th Sept., and is due here on the 8th Oct.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

The H.A.L. str. *Segura*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 23rd Sept., and may be expected here to-day.The str. *Glacies* left Singapore on the 26th Sept.The Indo-China str. *Kutsang* left Cateura for this port via the Straits on the 17th Sept., and may be expected here on the 2nd Oct.The J.-C.-L. Lijn str. *Tsimahi* left Kobe via Amoy for this port on the 22nd Sept., and may be expected here on the 2nd Oct.The N.G.I. str. *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 28th Sept., a.m., and may be expected here on the 3rd Oct.The C.N. str. *Tajima*, from Australian ports

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